

A Dairy Herd, an Award, a National Competition – Costa Rica!!!

The FFA allows students to become **entrepreneurs** at a young age. **Greg Johnson, 2003 graduate of Meridian High School** in Meridian, Idaho is one of those students.

Greg is currently a freshman at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Greg was recognized for his achievement with his high school dairy herd project. In the spring of 2001, Greg won the **State Dairy Proficiency Award** honor and this placed him in competition for the national evaluation.

When Greg's records and herd management skills were placed among those from around the United States, **Greg placed second in the National competition** at the 75th National FFA Convention held in Louisville in the fall of 2002. Prior to placing second in the national competition, Johnson had already won the regional and was one of only four to make it to the national competition.

The National FFA Proficiency Awards recognize students' achievements in agribusiness. The **Dairy Production-Entrepreneurship Award** is only one of 49 areas where students are recognized.

As part of Johnson's recognition, he and the other top three students **will receive a trip to Costa Rica** to learn more about agriculture in that country. Greg Johnson is just one example of a student in a high school FFA program who wanted to **"do a little extra with his life"**. And for his achievement, Greg will be setting foot in Costa Rica later this year.

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